GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4839
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SCS/STS UNDER ABJECT OF POVERTY
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes people are reeling under abject poverty;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for eradication of poverty amongst Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes people during the Ninth Five Year Plan and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the provisions made for the development of SCs/STs during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) to (c) A large percentage of SCs/STs people are living below the poverty line . The main reasons are illiteracy, low income, landlessness etc. The Central Government is committed to ameliorate poverty and towards this end the Government has formulated a number of schemes for SCs and STs. Funds for implementing socio-economic and educational schemes are released to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. A list of schemes implemented for the welfare of SCs/STs is at Annexure. As per strategy of Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been asked to prepare and implement SCP and TSP by earmarking part of the plan fund in proportion to the percentage of SCs and STs in the States/UTs respectively. During Ninth Five Year Plan an amount of Rs. 3569.87 crores was released for benefiting 158.16 lakh SCs. Besides Rs. 3387.41 crores released which benefited 47.74 lakh STs.

(d) In Tenth Five Year Plan a provision of Rs.5786 crores and Rs.1754.00 crores for SCs and STs has been made respectively. The above provision relate to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affair only.

ANNEXURE

Statement referred to Part (a) & (b) of LOK SABHA USQ NO. 4839 regarding SCs/STs Under Abject Poverty for answer o 24.04.2003 asked by Shri Mansukhbhai D. Vasava, Shri Laxman Giluwa and Shri Mansinh Patel.

S.No	Schemes implemented for the welfare of SCs and STs during Ninth Five Year Plan	
	Scheme for Scheduled Castes	Scheme for Scheduled Tribes
1	Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan for SCs	Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan
2	Post Matric Scholarship	Grants under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution
3	PCR and Atrocities	Girls Hostel for Scheduled Tribes
4	Hostel for SC boys & Girls	Boys Hostel for Scheduled Tribes
5	State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations	Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas
6	National Safai Karamcharis Finance Development Corporation	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of STs.
7	Book Banks	Research and Training
8	Liberation & Rehabilitation of Scavengers	Grant-in-aid to State Tribal Development

	Cooperative Corporations	
9	Pre-Matric Scholarship	Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of ST Girls in Tribal Areas
10	Coaching & Allied for SCs	Vocational Training in Tribal Areas
11	Upgradation of Merit of SCs/STs students	Village Grain Bank Scheme
12	State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups
13	National Overseas Scholarship Scheme	Post Matric Scholarship
14	Assistance to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of SCs.	National Overseas Scholarship Scheme
15	National Scheduled Castes Finance Development Corporation	Coaching & Allied for STs
16	-	Upgradation of Merit of STs
17	-	Book Bank Scheme
18	-	State Tribal Development Finance Corporations
19	-	Exchange of Visits by Tribals